

David Doane – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

David Doane was the son of John Doane Jr. and the grandson of Deacon John Doane who was one of the original settlers of Eastham. David Doane was born in 1675 and died in 1748 at age seventy-three. He married Dorothy Horton in 1701. He has an original gravestone in Cove Burying Ground. The gravestone is inscribed Dr. David Doane. His wife Dorothy probably is buried in an unmarked grave in Cove. David Doane is an example of a third generation Eastham resident receiving Eastham land grants.

1704

Granted to David Doane a parcel of upland near the Rabbit Swamp and near a little pond. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about one-half acre. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A215, M21.

1711

Granted to David Doane and his heirs two parcels of land for his wood lot. One parcel was about five acres on the easterly side of Elisha Young's wood lot. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. The other parcel was about one acre near his dwelling house and next to land of Joseph Doane. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T67.

Granted to David Doane, Josiah Harding, Samuel Knowles, Nathaniel Mayo and John Sparrow the seventeenth lot out of twenty-four lots at Great Island at Billingsgate. The lot dimensions were not given in the record but probably the lot was about seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF T89.

1712

Granted to David Doane and his heirs about four acres of upland on the northern side of his other property and next to land of Samuel Doane. Bounds were indicated by stones marked DD. PDF T67.

1715

Granted to David Doane and his heirs several parcels of land totaling about twenty acres. The land was near his house lot and near land he purchased from Joseph Doane and near land of Samuel Doane. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T233.

Granted to David Doane and his heirs a wood lot on the east side of the way to Billingsgate and next to the wood lot of Samuel Doane. The lot ran east about one mile to the Backside Sea and was about thirty-two acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF T266.

The Eastham land owned by David Doane and his heirs described in these records amounts to about sixty acres. By 1745 twenty-five more Doanes received Eastham land grants.